

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC.

In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF).

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair by ensuring that low utilization long distance users like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses would. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the USF system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

By contrast, the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are presently considering would require people who make few long distance calls to pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls.

I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan.

Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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